

Conrad Pickel Studio, Inc. of New Berlin designed the stained glass windows to offer a comprehensive theme: The Story of Our Salvation as reported in the books of the Old and New Testament. Here is a description of the figures and symbols used by the original artist to illustrate the biblical message.

#### 7. The Boy Jesus in the Temple

This scene expresses both Our Savior's love, even as a child, for the things of His Father, and also the extraordinary understanding of the Word of God which the divine youth manifested, to the astonishment of the learned doctors. On the faces of the dignified doctors is reflected their surprise at the Savior's understanding. In the right upper section Mary and Joseph are depicted as they enter the temple. After a three day search they have found their son in the temple.

The design in the center of the lower panel shows the oil lamp, symbol of wisdom and spiritual zeal and the scroll, symbol of the Holy Scriptures.



**Sunday, January 15, 2023**  
**9:00 a.m.**

## Welcome to St. Paul Lutheran Church

It is a joy to gather together for worship!

### St. Paul Purpose Statement

Living Christ centered lives so we may love all, serve our community, and share the Word.

### Sunday Worship Schedule

9:00 a.m. Tri-Church Online Worship Service on our website  
or call toll-free 1-888-975-5536 anytime

9:00 a.m. In-person worship with Holy Communion

10:00 a.m. In-person Sunday School – September – May

10:00 a.m. In-person Teen Time – September – May

### Communion

We celebrate Jesus' presence each week in Holy Communion. This is the Lord's Supper and Jesus invites us: whether you are a lifelong Lutheran, or just considering Christianity; if you are an infant or elderly; if your family has been in the United States for generations, or has only recently arrived; if you are LGBTQIA+ or straight; if you live with disabilities, chronic illness, or are able-bodied and currently healthy; if you are home-blessed or homeless; ... YOU are welcome at God's meal of grace at St. Paul.

### Accessibility

Handicap parking, entrance, wheelchair, and restrooms are available. Sound amplifiers and large print bulletins are available. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### Children's Offering

In January the children's offering will be go to the YWCA to support women, families, and immigrants in need of shelter and resources.

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## Prelude

*"Christ, Be Our Light"*

David Lasky

*When the prelude music begins, we invite you into a time of silent reflection to prepare our hearts and minds for worship.*

## Welcome/Announcements

### GATHERING

### Confession and Forgiveness

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who makes all things new, whose mercy endures forever.

**All: Amen.**

P: Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin. Holy One, source of our renewal,

**All: we confess that we are wrapped up in sin, and cannot free ourselves. We have not practiced your righteousness. Our hearts have turned away from you. For the sake of the world you so love, forgive us, that we may be reconciled to one another for the glory of your holy name. Amen.**


P: Thus says our God: "The former things have come to pass and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new. We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

**All: Amen.**


# Hymn of Praise

## "Glory to God"

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and



peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

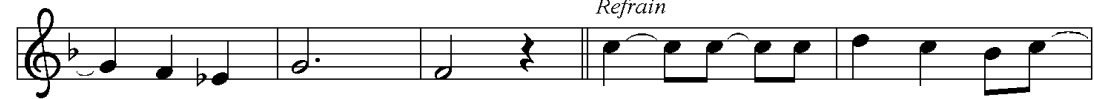
1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther,




we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you



*Refrain*




for your glo - ry. Glo - ry to God in the high -




est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.


2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God,



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the




world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the




right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

*Refrain*




Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and




peace to God's peo - ple on earth. 3 For you a -

lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the



Ho - ly Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - men. A - men. A - men.



*Final refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, the high - est, and peace to God's



peo - ple on earth. Glo - ry to God in the high -



est, the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

## Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All: And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray,

O God of wisdom, lead us to seek you. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts and direct us to live with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and forgiveness. We trust in you and pray in the name of Jesus.

**All: Amen.**

## WORD

### First Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

A reading from Colossians,

<sup>12</sup>Therefore, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. <sup>13</sup>Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. <sup>14</sup>Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. <sup>15</sup>And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. <sup>16</sup>Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. <sup>17</sup>And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

R: Word of God, Word of Life,

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

### "Alleluia"



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52

P: The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the second chapter.

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>41</sup>Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. <sup>42</sup>And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. <sup>43</sup>When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. <sup>44</sup>Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. <sup>45</sup>When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. <sup>46</sup>After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup>And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. <sup>48</sup>When his parents saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." <sup>49</sup>He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" <sup>50</sup>But they did not understand what he said to them. <sup>51</sup>Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in

her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

### Children's Message

### Sermon

### Hymn of the Day

**"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"**

ELW #815

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to  
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to  
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give  
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,  
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.  
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.  
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

*Refrain*

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the  
day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the  
cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

Text: Kathleen Thomerson, b. 1934  
Music: HOUSTON, Kathleen Thomerson  
Text and music © 1970, 1975 Celebration

### Prayers of Intercession

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need

*Each petition ends with these words:*

P: Merciful God,

**All: receive our prayer.**

### Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**All: And also with you!**

P: Let us share a sign of Christ's peace in whatever way you are comfortable.

### MEAL

### Offering

*"Jesus, Messiah"*

Carol Tornquist

### Offering Prayer

### The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### Preface

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

### *“Holy, Holy, Holy”*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

### Words of Institution

#### Lord's Prayer

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

**All: Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### Invitation to Communion

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

### Communion

#### Communion Music

#### *“Lamb of God”*

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the  
world; grant us peace, grant us peace, Lamb of God.

#### *“Songs of Thankfulness and Praise”*

J.S. Bach, Neumark, Grant, Yuki

### Post Communion Blessing

#### SENDING

#### Blessing

P: The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod †  
bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always.

**All: Amen**

## SENDING SONG

### “We Are Marching in the Light of God”

ELW #866

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of seven staves of music. The lyrics are: "We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God, we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO we are march - ing in the light of God. We are march - ing (march - ing, we are march - ing) OO we are march - ing in the light of God." The score includes various musical notations such as treble clefs, a key signature of one sharp, and a common time signature. There are several triplet markings (indicated by a '3' over a group of notes) and a '7' time signature in some measures. The lyrics are placed below the corresponding musical staves.

*Additional stanzas ad lib.:*

We are dancing ...

We are praying ...

We are singing ...

Text: South African traditional; tr. Freedom Is Coming, 1984  
Music: SIYAHAMBA, South African traditional  
Tr. © 1984 Utryck, admin. Walton Music Corp.

## Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Postlude

“That’s Why We Praise Him”

Tommy Walker

**We Remember in Prayer;** those on our Home Visitation list and those on our prayer list: Dorothy Carr, Warren Heuck, Lori Dewey, Harold Julifs, Louis & Mary Weaver, John Ukena, Berta Beyer, and Marcia Fields.

**Placing our confidence** in the sure and certain hope of the resurrection of our loved ones, we extend our sympathy to the family and friends of Bernice Magnussen. Bernice passed away on January 5 in Minnesota. She is a sister to JoAnn Garcia.

*May God’s presence bring you comfort and peace.*

## Worship Assistants:

Intern Michelle Pyskaty

Opener – T.B.A.

Head Usher – T.B.A.

Acolytes – *Volunteer Needed*

Greeters – *Volunteers Needed*

Ushers – Keith Peugh, Greg Zeigler

Reader – Keith Peugh

Sound – AJ Avelar

Closer – Ordean family

## Musicians:

Live:

Jacob Dahleen

Linda VonHolten

Dawn Zeigler

**Next week’s assistants – January 22**

Opener – Dan Bartel

Head Usher – Dan Bartel

Acolytes – *Volunteer Needed*

Greeters – Susan, Caleb & Makenzie Bartel

Ushers – Dan Dir, John Renner

Reader – Vicki Sauter

Sound – Greg Zeigler

Closer – Bartel family

Coffee Fellowship – *Volunteer Needed*

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